

secondary web, the cross web shearing apparatus including a shear blade positioned substantially perpendicular to the secondary material web and movable through a cutting motion to cause a reinforcing strip to be sheared from the secondary web;

a handling drive positioned adjacent the shearing apparatus for receiving the reinforcing strip and moving it to a sealing location adjacent the base primary web; and

a laminating device located proximate to the handling manifold for sealing the reinforcing strip to the base material web.

2. (Amended) The laminating device of claim 1 wherein the cross web shearing apparatus further comprises a support blade positioned substantially perpendicular to the shear blade and in a cutting relationship therewith such that the shear blade and the support blade cause the [hearing] shearing of the reinforcing strip.

10. (Amended) The laminating device of claim 1 further comprising a holding clamp positioned adjacent the cross web shear and the handling device, such that the holding [claim] clamp will hold the secondary web against the handling device prior to shearing the reinforcing strip.

11. (Amended) The laminating device of claim 10 wherein the holding clamp includes a holding tab movable between a feeding position and a holding position, wherein the holding tab allows the secondary web to be [feed] fed between the holding clamp and the handling device when the holding tab is in the feeding position while the holding tab holds the secondary web against the holding mechanism when the holding tab is in the holding position.

15. (Amended) The laminating device of claim 14 wherein the cam follower framework is moved [is] along a substantially linear path.

17. (Amended) The laminating device of claim 16 wherein the shear blade includes a plurality of cam tracks that cooperate with a plurality of cam followers which attached to a cam